

Docket No.: 43890-430

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Takayuki URATA, et al.

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Examiner:

For: VACUUM HEAT INSULATOR, HOT INSULATING DEVICE USING VACUUM
HEAT INSULATOR, AND ELECTRIC WATER HEATER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

91 Page 1, line 4, after "insulator", please insert --, also referred to as a vacuum insulator--.

92 Page 1, line 5, after "jar-pot", please insert --, also referred to as electric thermo-pot--.

93 Page 2, line 15, after "layer", please insert --, also referred to as a vacuum evaporated

layer.